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TO : Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates      DATE: 25X1A

FROM : Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Adequacy of Reporting on Labor Matters in [REDACTED]      OCT 21 1949

1. The ORE section of the Operational Analysis Handbook for August 1949 makes this statement: "Labor reporting from [REDACTED] is practically non-existent except through [REDACTED]." 25X1A

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2. In consequence, [REDACTED] has surveyed its collection action concerning this neglected area, with findings as follows: 25X1A8a

a. During 1949, to date, [REDACTED] has produced 24 intelligence information reports dealing with labor in [REDACTED]. These 24 do not include reports in which information dealing with labor appears incidentally (for example, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]). 25X1A

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ORE's evaluation of the 24 reports shows three (12.5%) to be "of considerable value"; 18 (75%) to be "of value," and three (12.5%) to be "of slight value only." Two of the 24 reports were in response to requirements which ORE formulated in 1949; three answered 1948 requirements. The balance (19) were produced spontaneously without the stimulus and direction which requirements should provide. 25X1A8a

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b. During the same period (1949 to date) ORE provided [REDACTED] with only four requirements on this subject. Of these four, two have been answered, one has been closed as the result of the admitted inability of the division to collect the required information, and one is now in process. 25X1A

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3. It is apparent from the above that the [REDACTED] produced more information on labor conditions in [REDACTED] than it was asked to produce, and that much of this production was without the benefit of statements of research requirements. It may be assumed that the division could have produced a considerably greater volume of information if it had had the benefit of more specific guidance. 25X1A

4. This case is brought to your attention as an example of the close relationship between inadequacy of reporting and inadequacy of requirements. It is thought that lack of information could often be corrected by an increase in the number and adequacy of requirements.

5. A review of the requirements situation with regard to subjects or areas on which ORE records show a marked insufficiency of reports might be

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of benefit to both our offices. The problem is not confined to this one case, and no criticism of your Latin American Division is implied. On the contrary, [REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] his subordinates have been consistently cooperative and have understood the collector's occasionally annoying need for requirements. It is merely suggested that action by ORE might enable us to extend our coverage of information on such neglected areas or subjects as are within our capabilities for collection. 25X1A9a

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